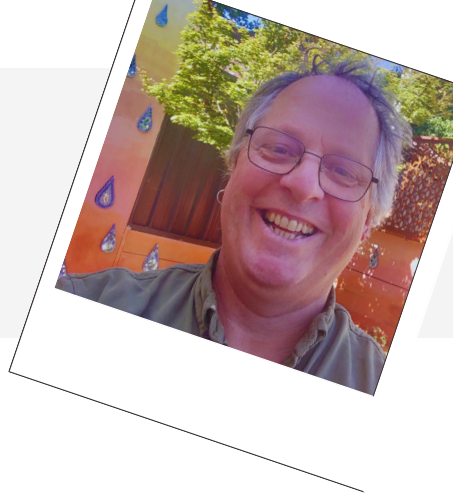




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Small communities only thrive if we all put the effort in, and the role gave me an opportunity to contribute to the Trentham community.

MY SUPERPOWERS: My key strength is my ability to listen to people and understand what motivates them. It makes me good at people management, and also good at managing external relationships and balancing stakeholder needs.

ABOUT ME: I grew up in Melbourne, and went to university in Canberra in the 1980's, completing a degree in Professional Writing. I had intended to go into publishing, but got a little side-tracked along the way. I have however used my writing skills in just about every job I have had. I spent some time living in London in the late '80's-early '90's, and also a while living in Scotland in the late '90's.

I have a Master's degree in Wine Business from the University of Adelaide, and worked in the food and wine sector for many years, both in the UK and Australia. I have decades of experience running small businesses and managing teams - this makes me good at sensing opportunities and analysing the financial viability of potential enterprises.

People management is one of my key strengths.

I also worked for a few years for the Dept. of Social Security (in the pre-Centrelink days). This gave me a lot of experience working with disadvantaged and socially marginalised people, and made me aware of the inherent structural inequities in our society.

NH SECTOR EXPERIENCE:

- New to the sector, beginning at TNC in 2023
- Became TNC Manager in 2024

Came for the hours, stayed for the joy, connections and opportunities.

TOP SKILL AREAS:

- Building Partnerships
- Community Gardens
- Community Newsletters
- Customer Service
- Event Management
- Grant Writing
- Managing Conflict
- Problem Solving Approaches
- Social Enterprise
- Staff Supervision

NH INITIATIVES:

Since 2024:

- Forging a small but committed working unit of new and existing staff
- Building and rebuilding local connections and relationships with other community groups
- Improving committee/ management relationship

TNC is now a busy and vibrant place, which makes me very happy!

BEYOND THE HOUSE...

I was on school councils (Tylden Primary, and Kyneton High) for 11 years, and have worked on community projects such as the Tylden Fair, and Kyneton Street Band.

I have had a small business selling products at farmers markets around Central Victoria for over a decade, and currently attend six markets a month.